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TO : L - Mr. Benedict M. English

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FROM : ARA - Amb. William D. Pawley

SUBJECT:

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L/MSA - Mr. [illegible]
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It is of the utmost importance that the maximum Salvadoran support be obtained for the program in contemplation to deal with the serious threat of Communism in Guatemala. In this connection, it is therefore necessary that we go as far as possible under the law to meet Salvadoran terms for a bilateral military assistance agreement.

It appears to me questionable that the comments on the Salvadoran draft agreement set forth in the attached instruction prepared by L/MSA, and the comments of the Defense Department set forth in the attached memorandum, represent the minimum U.S. conditions for an agreement. In view of the importance and urgency of this matter, I request that the attached comments be reviewed with a view to making them representative of the minimum U.S. position, that they be coordinated with the Defense Department and prepared for submission to our Embassy not later than noon, June 15.

I have transmitted a similar request to Mr. Mensel, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, with whom you may wish to consult regarding this problem.

Attachments:

As stated above.

6/9/54

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